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MEDICAID PROVIDER MANUAL UPDATE

TO: All Pre-Admission Screening providers participating in the Virginia Medical Assistance Program, Managed Care Organizations providing services to Virginia Medicaid recipients, and all holders of the *Pre-Admission Screening* Medicaid provider manual

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FROM: Patrick W. Finnerty, Director
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SUBJECT: First Edition of the *Pre-Admission Screening* provider manual

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify you of the issuance of the first edition of the *Pre-Admission Screening Manual*. Please use the new manual immediately. We suggest that you review this manual carefully as it contains all of the current policies for the provision of and reimbursement for the Medicaid services you provide. Please note that this manual supersedes and replaces the second edition *Nursing Home Pre-Admission Screening Manual*.

Further, please be aware that the current local codes used for billing purposes are being transitioned to national billing codes. The amendments to Chapter V include changes from the current local billing codes to the corresponding national billing codes as well as new billing information to be used upon implementation of the new MMIS (scheduled for June 20, 2003). Providers may begin use of the national billing codes for dates of service on or after June 20, 2003; however, these codes should not be used prior to June 20, 2003. Effective for dates of service after October 15, 2003, national billing codes must be used on all invoices. Claims submitted with local codes with dates of service after October 15, 2003, will be denied. A local/national billing code crosswalk is available on the DMAS website.

Please review these changes carefully.

COPIES OF MANUALS

DMAS publishes copies of its provider manuals and provider manual up-date transmittals on its website at www.dmas.state.va.us. The provider manuals and transmittals can be viewed on and printed from the website. The transmittals describe the updated materials and manual chapters and pages revised. For a list of updates, click on "up-date transmittals" in the "Provider Manuals" column. If you do not have access to the Internet, or would like a paper copy of a manual, you can order these by contacting Commonwealth-Martin at 804-780-0076. A fee will be charged for the printing and mailing of the manuals and manual updates requested.

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